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MEETING OF THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS

18 January 2001

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I. ADMINISTRATION

- A. Approval of minutes: 16 November 2000
- B. Dates of next meetings: 15 February 2001
15 March 2001
- C. Approval confirmation of the 21 December 2000 Old Georgetown and Shipstead-Luce Appendices (I & II).
- D. Report on the National Museum of the American Indian Coin.
- E. Report on the dedication of the new sculpture addition to the Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial.

II. SUBMISSIONS AND REVIEWS

A. Department of Defense

CFA 18/JAN/01- 1, The Pentagon. Metro Entrance Facility. Final.
(Previous: CFA 19/OCT/00-1.)

B. Union Station Redevelopment Corporation

CFA 18/JAN/01- 2, Union Station. Columbus Plaza, Massachusetts Avenue between North Capitol Street and Second Street, NE. Revisions to plaza to improve vehicular and pedestrian access and circulation. Concept.

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C. General Services Administration

1. CFA 18/JAN/01- 3, Internal Revenue Service Building. 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW (Federal Triangle). Exterior repairs and window refurbishment. Designs.
2. CFA 18/JAN/01- 4, Department of Education Building. 400 Block of Maryland Avenue, SW. Safety railings for vehicular ramps. Designs.

D. Federal Reserve System

1. CFA 18/JAN/01- 5, Eccles Building. 20th Street, NW. New ADA compliant visitor security entrance to the East Courtyard.
2. CFA 18/JAN/01- 6, Martin Building, North Garage. Virginia Avenue between 20th and 21st streets, NW. Underground emergency power generators and three surface air vents.

E. District of Columbia Public Schools / U.S. Army Corp of Engineers

CFA 18/JAN/01- 7, Randle Highlands Elementary School. 1650 30th Street, SE. Phase I: New school building and new gymnasium. Concept.

F. District of Columbia Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs

1. Old Georgetown Act

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III. INSPECTION

Freer Gallery of Art, Objects proposed for acquisition.

OLD GEORGETOWN SUBMISSIONS

<u>NO.</u>	<u>ADDRESS AND OWNER</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>
O.G. 00-150 HPA. 00-370	1251 Wisconsin Avenue, NW Khosrow Mizrahi Commercial	Rear addition and underground excavation - permit

ACTION: Returned without Action. Case superseded by case O.G. 01-47. Paperwork was on HOLD pending submission of supplemental working drawings to match concept design presented and agreed upon during review at 7 September 2000 meeting.

O.G. 00-190 HPA. 00-482	3273 M Street, NW The Levy Group Retail	Alterations to storefront - conceptual
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ACTION: No objection to concept design for proposed alterations to storefront as shown in supplemental drawings received and dated 19 December 2000 which indicate entry doors off-center to retain impression of two buildings. File new submission of working drawings, including details, with permit application for review by the Commission when ready.

O.G. 00-220 HPA. 00-566	1510 26th Street, NW Ozkum and Morrow Residence	Greenhouse addition and alterations - conceptual
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ACTION: No objection to concept design for proposed addition of greenhouse and brick garden wall at rear, and alterations to front, including replacement windows and door surround as shown in supplemental drawings received and dated 26 October 2000. File new submission of working drawings, including details, with permit application for review by the Commission when ready.

<u>NO.</u>	<u>ADDRESS AND OWNER</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>
O.G. 00-259 HPA. 00-642	1323-25 Wisconsin Avenue, NW Georgetown Aveda	Wall sign and projecting sign - permit

ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed wall-mounted sign of 11-inch high pin-mounted letters reading "Georgetown Salon and Spa" and for projecting sign with logo for "Aveda" as shown in supplemental drawings received and dated 5 December 2000. Applicant agreed to delete proposed "Aveda" sign on transom over entry door from this permit application.

O.G. 01-06 HPA. 01-13	3237 M Street, NW Soleiman Brothers Partnership Aldo	Alterations to storefront - conceptual
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ACTION: No objection to concept design for proposed alterations to storefront, including awnings and pin-mounted back-lit sign reading "ALDO" as shown in supplemental drawings received and dated 29 November 2000. Supplemental drawings indicate restoration and re-painting of existing original storefront. File new submission of working drawings, including details, with permit application for review by the Commission when ready.

O.G. 01-14 HPA. 01-39	3048 R Street, NW Jackson School	Garden wall repair - permit
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ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for reconstruction of brick garden wall at the Jackson School to match original condition. Note is made that work was already completed prior to review and that applicant failed to attend the public meeting.

O.G. 01-16 HPA. 01-42	2500 Q Street, NW Gateway Georgetown Condominiums	Re-pave driveway - permit
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ACTION: No objection to issuance of private property and public space permits for proposed re-paving of driveway and sidewalk, and for reconstruction of brick planter. Proposed work is replacement-in-kind to match existing materials and configuration.

<u>NO.</u>	<u>ADDRESS AND OWNER</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>
O.G. 01-17 HPA. 01-43	1601 Wisconsin Avenue, NW Exxon Mobil Corp. Gas station	Repair canopy - upgrade - permit

ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for simple upgrade of existing canopy and alterations to MPD pumps and signs for Exxon gas station, PROVIDED existing light fixtures are retained and there is no internal-illumination to fascia or signs. An 18-inch high fascia was approved rather than the proposed 36-inch fascia which would have overwhelmed the historic character of the surrounding area.

O.G. 01-18 HPA. 01-50	3116 M Street, NW Jean Paul Amsellem Manhattan Grill	Alterations to storefront, sign and projecting sign - permit
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ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed alterations to storefront, including new sign composed of back-lit pin-mounted letters no taller than 11-inches reading "Manhattan's" in a new sign panel, and projecting sign which replaces existing one.

O.G. 01-19 HPA. 01-51	2823 N Street, NW Juan Cameron Residence	Re-install historic fence - conceptual
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ACTION: Returned without Action. Case superseded by case O.G. 01-54.

O.G. 01-21 HPA. 01-56	2700 Q Street, NW Kew Gardens	Replacement windows - conceptual
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ACTION: Recommend **AGAINST** concept of complete overhaul of existing early 20th century historic windows. Recommend careful study of conditions of existing windows to limit to a minimum the number of window replacements required. File new submission of concept application, along with results of study, with design for proposed replacement window to match existing true-divided-light wood windows to be used with storm windows and ONLY in cases where no repair is possible.

<u>NO.</u>	<u>ADDRESS AND OWNER</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>
O.G. 01-22 HPA. 01-57	1601 Suter's Lane, NW Betty Levine Residence	Repair of stockade fence - permit

ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed repair of portion of existing stockade fence that was damaged by car accident. Proposed work is replacement-in-kind to match remaining existing fence.

O.G. 01-24 HPA. 01-61	1208-10 31st Street, NW Mari Orci Jessica Nail Salon	Awnings, signs and alterations - permit
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ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed awnings with lettering reading "Jessica B" painted on bull-nose awning over entry door ONLY. Applicant agreed to remove lettering on awnings above windows and remove free standing sign reading "Nails" which were not approved.

O.G. 01-25 HPA. 01-61	2903 P Street, NW Goodhand and Griski Residence	Light fixtures and flag pole - permit
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ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed installation of decorative light fixtures adjacent to doors that are to replace existing spot lights. No objection to flagpole over entry door.

O.G. 01-26 HPA. 01-62	3229 R Street, NW Peter Ackerman Residence	Enclosure of rear 2nd floor deck - permit
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ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed enclosure of second floor deck over open porch on rear.

<u>NO.</u>	<u>ADDRESS AND OWNER</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>
O.G. 01-29 HPA. 01-65	3000 M Street, NW Merristar Hotels & Resorts Inc. The Latham Hotel Citronelle	Sidewalk café on 30th St., awning and canopy - conceptual

ACTION: No objection to concept design for proposed sidewalk café, including awning and canopy with lettering reading "Citronelle". Existing projecting sign will be removed. Due to the commercial character of the adjacent area on a secondary street, an exception to the prohibition on canopies over public space has been made. File new submission of working drawings, including details, with permit application for review by the Commission when ready.

O.G. 01-30 HPA. 01-66	1401 35th Street, NW Senda Benaissa Residence	Alterations to parking pad and basement entrance - conceptual
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ACTION: Recommend **AGAINST** concept for proposed alterations to parking pad and basement entrance which are not appropriate to the historic character of this house.

O.G. 01-31 HPA. 01-67	1659 35th Street, NW Barclay and Bordonaro Residences	Alterations and replacement windows - existing - permit
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ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for replacement single-pane true-divided-lights wood windows, which had been installed prior to review but match existing windows. Other windows will be repaired. No objection to new fence on front yard, repair of metal stairs, new fence on rear yard areaway, and to alterations to windows as shown in supplemental drawings received and dated 14 December 2000. Applicant agreed to delete corner basement window from this permit application. Concept of addition of mansard roof was not approved.

<u>NO.</u>	<u>ADDRESS AND OWNER</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>
O.G. 01-34 HPA. 01-70	3100 South Street, NW Millennium Georgetown Georgetown Incinerator Brickyard Hill House	Preservation package - permit

ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed work in coordination with the preservation of the Georgetown Incinerator building and of the Brickyard Hill House with its ancillary structures formerly located at Copperthwaite Alley. The Commission notes that any alteration to the historic fabric of the Brickyard Hill House will be detrimental to its historic character and would not be approved. This preservation package is part of the project for the development of the Georgetown Incinerator site for a theatre/hotel/residential/commercial complex which was previously approved. See previous Action (O.G. 00-49)

O.G. 01-35 HPA. 01-71	1523 28th Street, NW Harry Broadman Residence	Enclosure under rear wing - permit
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ACTION: Returned without Action. Submitted materials and a site visit of 6 December 2000 indicate that proposed work is not visible from public space. Refer to the Historic Preservation Review Board.

O.G. 01-37 HPA. 01-74	1717 34th Street, NW Kathy Thompson Residence	Rear and side additions - permit
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ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed rear and side additions as shown in supplemental drawings received and dated 2 January 2001. Supplemental drawings indicate eave and cornice details at addition will match existing on main house. New windows will match details and profiles of existing. Note: pergola over parking pad is of a temporary nature and was installed without review or permit. File new submission of working drawings, including details, with permit application for pergola or alternative for review by the Commission when ready.

<u>NO.</u>	<u>ADDRESS AND OWNER</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>
O.G. 01-39 HPA. 01-76	2906 P Street, NW Bernard and Carrington Tarr Residence	Alterations to side wall - conceptual

ACTION: No objection to concept design for proposed alterations to side wall and new chimney. File new submission of working drawings, including details, with permit application for review by the Commission when ready.

O.G. 01-40 HPA. 01-77	2720 N Street, NW Robert V. Reis Residence	Rear addition and alterations - conceptual
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ACTION: No objection to concept design for proposed rear addition and alterations as shown in supplemental drawings received and dated 28 November 2000. File new submission of working drawings with permit application for review by the Commission when ready.

O.G. 01-41 HPA. 01-78	3124 Q Street, NW Patrice and Herbert Miller Bowie-Sevier-Miller House Residence	Front terrace - revision to permit - permit
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ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed revisions to permit for alterations to front terrace of the historic Bowie-Sevier House.

O.G. 01-43 HPA. 01-80	3124 Q Street, NW Patrice and Herbert Miller Bowie-Sevier-Miller House Residence	Swimming pool and pool house - permit
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ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed swimming pool, pool houses and pergola as shown in supplemental drawings received and dated 15 December 2000 which indicate a brick chimney for exhaust of boilers in underground mechanical room.

<u>NO.</u>	<u>ADDRESS AND OWNER</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>
O.G. 01-42 HPA. 01-79	3124 Q Street, NW Patrice and Herbert Miller Bowie-Sevier-Miller House Residence	Site work and retaining walls - revision to permit - permit

ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed revisions to permit for site work at the historic Bowie-Sevier House, including grading, terraces, fences, parking/play court area, retaining wall along alley and retaining wall along 32nd Street as shown in supplemental drawings received and dated 15 December 2000. Supplemental drawings indicate regrading of playing field and reduction of height of retaining wall along 32nd Street to be no more than 12'-8 ½" high. Applicant agreed to introduce planting beds for ivy that would grow up the walls around the parking/play court area.

O.G. 01-44 HPA. 01-81	3124 Q Street, NW Patrice and Herbert Miller Bowie-Sevier-Miller House Residence	Garden shed - permit
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ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed garden shed and board fence. File new submission of working drawings, including details, with permit application for alterations to guest house for review by the Commission when ready.

O.G. 01-46 HPA. 01-82	3221 Reservoir Road, NW Rosie and Tabb Moore Residence	Rear pergola and 2nd floor deck - conceptual
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ACTION: Recommend **AGAINST** concept for proposed deck and alterations to second floor window on rear. No objection to concept for proposed pergola and alterations to first floor French doors on rear. File new submission of working drawings, including details, with permit application for review by the Commission when ready.

<u>NO.</u>	<u>ADDRESS AND OWNER</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>
O.G. 01-52	2720 N Street, NW	Alterations to front
HPA. 01-111	Robert V. Reis	stairs and door surround
	Residence	- permit

ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed alterations to front stoop, railing and door surround.

O.G. 01-54	2823 N Street, NW	Re-install
HPA. 01-113	Juan Cameron	historic fence
	Residence	- permit

ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed installation of historic fence which previously had been removed. Working drawings conform to concept review. See case O.G. 01-19.

ADDENDUM

<u>NO.</u>	<u>ADDRESS AND OWNER</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>
O.G. 01-37	1717 34th Street, NW	Rear and side
HPA. 01-74	Kathy Thompson	additions
	Residence	- permit

ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed rear and side additions as shown in supplemental drawings received and dated 2 January 2001. Supplemental drawings indicate eave and cornice details at addition will match existing on main house. New windows will match details and profiles of existing. Note: pergola over parking pad is of a temporary nature and was installed without review or permit. File new submission of working drawings, including details, with permit application for pergola or alternative for review by the Commission when ready.

SHIPSTEAD-LUCE SUBMISSIONS

<u>NO.</u>	<u>ADDRESS AND OWNER</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>
S.L. 01-011	5320 27th Street, NW S. Gillespie Residence	Side and rear additions. Permit.
ACTION: No objection to the issuance of permit for two-story additions to both sides of residence, a single story rear addition with basement garage, new driveway, and stone-paved terraces as shown in drawings received and dated 4 December 2000.		
S.L. 01-012 HPA. 01-093	1810 Plymouth Street, NW R. Rarog Residence	Tool shed. Permit.
ACTION: Out of Jurisdiction. (Returned to Permit Processing Division, 13 December 2000.)		



OLD GEORGETOWN SUBMISSIONS

<u>NO.</u>	<u>ADDRESS AND OWNER</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>
O.G. 01-23 HPA. 01-59	3065 M Street, NW Mac Cosmetics	Alterations to storefront - conceptual

ACTION: No objection to concept design for proposed alterations to storefront, including replacement bay windows and sign panel, as shown in supplemental drawings received and dated 5 January 2001. File new submission of working drawings, including details, with permit application for review by the Commission when ready.

O.G. 01-33 HPA. 01-69	3314-3328 M Street, NW East Banc, Inc. Design Center West Cady's Alley	Alterations to storefronts - revision to permit - permit
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ACTION: No objection to revision to permit for proposed alterations to the storefronts at 3314, 3316 and 3320 M Street as shown in supplemental drawings received and dated 17 January 2001. Supplemental drawings indicate restoration of as much original historic fabric on storefronts as possible. Proposed work is in coordination with the Cady's Alley project which had received previous approval. See previous Action (O.G. 00-29)

O.G. 01-45 HPA. 01-81	3267 P Street, NW John and Jacqueline Falk Residence	Rear addition and alterations - conceptual
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ACTION: No objection to proposed concept design for alterations and rear addition as shown in supplemental drawings received and dated 14 December 2000. Supplemental drawings indicate retention of as much of existing exterior wall as possible, to retain historic character of house within addition. File new submission of working drawings, including details, for review by the Commission when ready.

<u>NO.</u>	<u>ADDRESS AND OWNER</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>
O.G. 01-48 HPA. 01-87	3225 M Street, NW Gary Heurich shake your booty	Sign - existing - permit

ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for existing sign reading "shake your booty" painted on sign panel above entry door. Commission regrets that the sign was installed prior to permit application and review. Note: applicant failed to attend public meeting.

O.G. 01-49 HPA. 01-95	2809 M Street, NW Mary Digiovanni Chef Jean Pierre	Lettering on side of awnings - permit
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ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for existing awning with lettering limited to the valance reading "Mes Amis Restaurant". Letters on side of awning reading "Chef Jean Pierre" were not approved as they do not meet code and should be removed.

O.G. 01-50 HPA. 01-104	3241-43 M Street, NW Sam Sweeny Firehook Bakery	Awnings and signs - permit
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ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed awning over storefront with lettering limited to the valance reading "Firehook Bakery", and for two awnings over second floor windows. No objection to issuance of permit for proposed logo signs on second floor windows and on glass of entry door, and two signs on shop window reading "Hooked". Applicant agreed to remove additional signs not meeting code from this submission. See marked drawings.

O.G. 01-51 HPA. 01-110	3418 R Street, NW 3418 Partnership Residence	Garage off alley - permit
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ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed garage off alley which will match adjoining garage.

<u>NO.</u>	<u>ADDRESS AND OWNER</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>
O.G. 01-53	2720 N Street, NW	Rear addition
HPA. 01-112	Robert V. Reis	and alterations
	Residence	- permit

ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed rear addition and alterations as shown in supplemental drawings received and dated 2 January 2001. Working drawings conform to approved concept. See previous Action (O.G. 01-40).

O.G. 01-55	3143 N Street, NW	Canopy over front
HPA. 01-115	3141-43 N St. Ltd. Part.	steps, banner and
	Turquoiz	sign - permit

ACTION: Returned without Action. Case was withdrawn by written request of applicant.

O.G. 01-56	2906 P Street, NW	Alterations
HPA. 01-116	Bernard and Carrington Tarr	to side wall
	Residence	- permit

ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed alterations to side wall, including new window opening and new chimney. Working drawings conform to approved concept design. See previous Action (O.G. 01-39).

O.G. 01-58	3237 M Street, NW	Alterations to
HPA. 01-183	Soleiman Brothers Partnership	storefront
	Aldo	- permit

ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed alterations to storefront, including awnings over storefront and on second floor windows, and back-lit sign composed of 12-inch high pin-mounted letters reading "ALDO", as shown in supplemental drawings received and dated 21 December 2000. Working drawings conform to approved concept design which proposed restoration and re-painting of existing original storefront. See previous Action (O.G. 01-06).

<u>NO.</u>	<u>ADDRESS AND OWNER</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>
O.G. 01-59	3108 P Street, NW	Alterations to rear
HPA. 01-119	Sherbacow and Carr	- revised design
(Last seen	Residence	- conceptual

ACTION: No objection to concept design for proposed alterations to rear as shown in supplemental drawings received and dated 5 January 2001. Supplemental drawings indicate skylight over stair rather than a new dormer window, and a raised roof for the existing dormer which retains present width. File new submission of working drawings, including details, with permit application for review by the Commission when ready.

O.G. 01-61	3236 Prospect Street, NW	Alterations
HPA. 01-121	Silkari East	- permit
	Office building	

ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed alterations which are repair of existing wood windows as shown in supplemental drawings received and dated 16 January 2001. Working drawings conform to approved concept. See previous Action (O.G. 00-256).

O.G. 01-62	3238 Prospect Street, NW	Alterations and
HPA. 01-122	Silkari East	rear addition
	Office building	- permit

ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed alterations and rear addition as shown in supplemental drawings received and dated 16 January 2001. Alterations include repair of existing wood windows and new stucco over rear wing in courtyard. Working drawings conform to approved concept. See previous Action (O.G. 00-256).

<u>NO.</u>	<u>ADDRESS AND OWNER</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>
O.G. 01-63 HPA. 01-125	1200 Wisconsin Avenue, NW Edizione Realty Corp United Colors of Benetton	Alterations to storefront - permit

ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed alterations to storefront on Wisconsin Avenue, including new entry doors, removal of vestibule, and new glazing for shop window within historic door opening, and new fire exit vestibule on alley as shown in supplemental drawings received and dated January 2001. Three story atrium at entrance, which was not approved during concept review, has been deleted from submission. Working drawings conform to approved concept. See previous action (O.G. 00-258).

O.G. 01-65 HPA. 01-129	3208 Reservoir Road, NW Roya Boroumand Residence	Rear addition and alterations to roof - permit
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ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed rear addition and alterations to roof as shown in supplemental drawings received and dated January 2001, which indicate a brick recess rather than a window between two new chimneys on west party wall. Working drawings conform to approved concept. See previous Action (O.G. 01-10).

SHIPSTEAD-LUCE SUBMISSIONS

<u>NO.</u>	<u>ADDRESS AND OWNER</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>
S.L. 01-014 HPA. 01-141	2041 Park Road, NW A. Roddy Residence	Rear additions. Permit.
ACTION: No objection to the issuance of permit for additions to rear of residence as shown in drawings received and dated 8 January 2001.		
S.L. 01-015	314 H Street, NW Commercial building Olga M. Mazza	Raze permit.
ACTION: Out of the jurisdiction of the Shipstead-Luce Act and the Commission does not review raze permits under the Shipstead-Luce Act. (Returned to Permit Processing Division, 12 January 2001.)		
S.L. 01-016	316 H Street, NW Commercial building Olga M. Mazza	Raze permit.
ACTION: The Commission does not review raze permits under the Shipstead-Luce Act. (Returned to Permit Processing Division, 12 January 2001.)		
S.L. 01-017	2301 Cathedral Avenue, NW Connecticut Plaza Cathedral-Connecticut Association	Replacement HVAC grills. Permit.
ACTION: No objection to the issuance of permit for replacement HVAC grills as shown in materials received and dated 12 January 2001.		

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APPENDIX II

<u>NO.</u>	<u>ADDRESS AND OWNER</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>
S.L. 01-018	500 C Street, NW Freedom Forum, Inc. Newseum	Temporary banner. Permit.

ACTION: No objection to the temporary installation of one 42.5 foot by 6 foot banner reading "*The Future Site of The Freedom Forum and Newseum*" on the Pennsylvania Avenue facade of building as shown in materials received and dated 11 January 2001. Installation is not to exceed six (6) months.

S.L. 01-019	2115 Sudbury Place, NW Dr. K. Lewis Residence	Second story addition. Concept.
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ACTION: Returned without Action. Property is outside the Shipstead-Luce Act Jurisdiction of the Commission of Fine Arts. (Returned to Permit Processing Division, 16 January 2001.)

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18 January 2001

The meeting was convened at 10:20 a.m. in the Commission of Fine Arts offices in the National Building Museum, 441 F Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001. In the absence of the Chairman, due to illness, the meeting was chaired by the Vice-Chairman.

Members present: Hon. Harry G. Robinson III, Vice-Chairman
 Hon. Carolyn Brody
 Hon. Emily Malino
 Hon. Eden Rafshoon

Staff present: Mr. Charles H. Atherton, Secretary
 Mr. Jeffrey R. Carson, Assistant Secretary
 Ms. Sue Kohler
 Mr. Frederick J. Lindstrom
 Mr. José Martínez-Canino

National Capital
Planning Commission
staff present: Ms. Nancy Witherell

I. ADMINISTRATION

A. Approval of minutes of the 16 November 2000 meeting. The minutes were approved without objection.

B. Dates of next meetings, approved as:

15 February 2001
15 March 2001

C. Approval confirmation of the 21 December 2000 Old Georgetown and Shipstead-Luce Appendices (I & II). The Appendices were approved without objection.

D. Report on the National Museum of the American Indian Coin. The Secretary said the

Citizens Commemorative Coin Advisory Committee (of which he was a non-voting member) had recently reviewed the design of this coin, and he wanted to discuss with the Commission a question that had been raised. Although the legislation authorizing the coin specifically designated the use of the old Buffalo nickel design, there had been some uncertainty among the CCCAC members as to whether it was proper to use a design in a way not intended by the original artist, in this case James Earle Fraser, one of America's finest sculptors. Mr. Atherton showed a photograph of the Buffalo nickel, pointing out that the head of the Indian on the obverse and the buffalo on the reverse nearly filled the coin. Then he showed the drawing for the new coin, noting that the required inscriptions had forced the reduction in size of the principal design elements to accommodate the increased amount of lettering and thus reduced their impact. He noted that the problem could be solved by moving some of the lettering to the edge and incusing it, a device used frequently by other countries, but he added that the Mint for some reason was reluctant to do this.

The Vice-Chairman said his only suggestion, if the Mint would not use edge lettering, was to try to reduce the size of the lettering to give the Indian head or the buffalo more prominence; the Secretary agreed there were several ways this could be done. There was general agreement that as it stood there was a problem, and the Secretary said he would draft a letter to the Mint expressing the Commission's opinion and circulate it for approval. (The letter was not written; the Secretary spoke to a Mint official who said they had already decided to enlarge the design elements to nearly fill the coin.)

E. Report on the dedication of the new sculpture addition to the Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial. The Secretary reported that he had attended the dedication of the sculpture of FDR in a wheelchair. He recalled that both the Commission and the National Organization on Disability had had reservations about the box-like element underneath the seat of the wheelchair, added to give some stability to the thin structural members; the concern was that it would be construed as a kind of battery-driven apparatus. Mr. Atherton said he was happy to report that the sculptor's revisions had made it seem more like part of the base rather than the chair. He showed photographs, and the members agreed that the "box" was no longer a source of confusion.

II. SUBMISSIONS AND REVIEWS

A. Department of Defense

CFA 18/JAN/01-1, The Pentagon. Metro entrance facility. Final. (Previous: CFA 19/OCT/00-1.) Staff member Frederick Lindstrom introduced architect Jeffrey Davenport and landscape architect Jeff Lee to discuss further development of this project. Mr. Davenport began the presentation by recalling that the chief reason for this project was to tighten security. He said that at present the bus loop was only 7 feet away from the building, and with the new installation it would be 280 feet away. The direct connection between the Metro and the Pentagon would be removed, and there would be a new entrance facility with a screening point followed by escalators. Noting that this facility was primarily a busy commuter transfer station between bus and Metro, he said the three parts to be addressed were the canopies to protect people waiting in the bus lanes, an area of green space to give the Pentagon some breathing space, and the entrance facility itself, which would accommodate those actually going into the Pentagon—only about 30 percent of those using the transfer station.

Beginning with the canopies, Mr. Davenport showed drawings similar to those seen previously. He said he did not want the canopies to overwhelm the Pentagon, and so he had used a combination of stainless steel and a stiff, translucent, Teflon-coated fabric. The canopies would be composed of two fins at different heights, the higher one would come out over the bus to cover passengers in inclement weather. At the rear there would be a glass windscreen, to keep the feeling of lightness and transparency. Mr. Davenport described the proposed lighting as providing a soft glow. Receptacles for newspaper, information material, and trash would be grouped and placed at the same location in all the bays. The canopy design elements, particularly the Teflon-coated fabric, would appear again on painted steel structures covering the escalators and walkways and as a roof for the sales and ticket booths. Ms. Malino noted the glass windscreens and asked if there would be some kind of pattern incorporated into the glass to keep it from looking constantly dirty. Mr. Davenport agreed it would be a good idea to look into this.

Landscape architect Jeff Lee discussed the development of a new green space between the bus bays and the Pentagon itself. It would be developed essentially as a series of 4-4 1/2 foot high berms, placed so as to provide a feeling of the motion inherent in a busy arrival and departure area. They would be covered with grass or low groundcover, with bulbs and a variety of low trees within the bermed areas and around the periphery to provide seasonal interest. In the center, on axis with the Pentagon entrance, would be a "sculpture", consisting of five parallel strips of Plexiglas, 2 1/2 to 3 feet high, each a different color and internally illuminated at night. He saw these as continuing the idea of movement, or possibly as symbolizing the branches of military service. He noted that the addition of this green area would greatly improve the view of the Pentagon from I-395.

The Commission was pleased with the development of the design and unanimously gave it final approval, with the request that the Commission see more details on the landscaped area as they were worked out, and also details of the installation of the combined vending and trash receptacles.

Exhibit A

B. Union Station Redevelopment Corporation

CFA 18/JAN/01-2, Union Station. Columbus Plaza, Massachusetts Avenue between North Capitol Street and Second Street, N.E. Revisions to plaza to improve vehicular and pedestrian access and circulation. Concept. Mr. Lindstrom said this project was an outgrowth of the ten-year master plan drawn up several years ago. The plan identified quite a few problems with the circulation and transportation corridors, as well as problems with handicapped access through Columbus Plaza to the station; these would be addressed in this submission. He introduced David Ball, president of the Union Station Redevelopment Corporation, to begin the presentation.

Mr. Ball first introduced his colleagues, Douglas Noble and Gary Burch from the Parsons Transportation Group, and then discussed the circulation and access problems. He said that while the Union Station development had been a great success, there had been from the beginning a vehicular and pedestrian access problem, made worse by the increasing numbers of visitors to the station—more than 70,000 people per day. He said the problem occurred in several places, notably on the west side across from the Post Office, where many motorists and pedestrians leave the station.

Mr. Ball said they had touched base with all the governmental and private entities involved to get their input, and he commented that the jurisdiction in the Union Station area was very complicated, involving the Union Station Redevelopment Corporation, the Park Service, the District's Department of Public Works, and the Washington Area Metropolitan Transit Authority. He said the Parsons Transportation Group had done extensive studies on the movement of people and vehicles, and from these two concepts, called A and B, had been developed. The Board of the Union Station Redevelopment Corporation had unanimously accepted Concept B, and he asked Gary Burch to explain both concepts to the Commission.

Mr. Burch said Concept A would not make any radical changes, although it did address the current confusion, particularly the taxis that liked to take shortcuts through the existing circulation pattern. The interior circulation road would remain, and the entrance from the west would stay much as it was; the circulation problems on the east would be cleaned up. Mr. Burch said neither the consultant nor most of the people who had reviewed it felt that it dealt with the aesthetics as well as Concept B.

The biggest change in Concept B was the removal of the circulation road and the introduction of green space in the central part of the plaza, which would affect the view of the building. He said they had not looked at the lighting. Mr. Burch noted the importance of the Post Office and Judicial buildings, and he said they would have to be considered in any changes proposed for those areas. He pointed out that both concepts A and B would force people using 1st Street to turn west, and there would be easier ways to get onto Massachusetts Avenue. Mr. Burch then discussed handicapped access through the plaza and a bicycle path that would go all the way to Silver Spring along the alignment of the railroad.

The Vice-Chairman commented that at present the front yard for Union Station was just too small, and he thought Concept B would take care of that as well as other problems. Mr. Birch said their next step was to develop the concept to the level of a more permanent design, and they would be bringing that back. Mr. Robinson suggested that they look at the Pentagon Metro entrance facility design for suggestions as to how to organize newspaper and other vending machines in a way that would contribute to rather than detract from the urban design.

Mrs. Brody said she had some concern about the broad areas of grass, feeling that in time they might look a little barren because of unexpected foot traffic and litter. Mr. Ball said the Park Service would prefer not to have too much grass to cut, and so a groundcover would probably be used. Also, it was likely that there would have to be some way to control the points at which people could cross the area. Mr. Burch noted that the widened median in Massachusetts Avenue was shown as green, but he doubted that it would be entirely planted; more likely a paver would be used with possibly some tree plantings at intervals. There were no more questions or comments; a motion was made and seconded that the Union Station Redevelopment Corporation be allowed to proceed with the development of Concept B, and it was approved unanimously. Exhibit B

C. General Services Administration

1. CFA 18/JAN/01-3, Internal Revenue Service Building, 1111 Constitution Avenue, N.W. (Federal Triangle). Exterior repairs and window refurbishment. Staff member José Martínez commented that the building was in need of several types of exterior renovation, but this

submission was limited to cleaning and repointing of the masonry and the cleaning and repairing of the windows. Other items to be submitted later included repair of metal work and balconies and removal of window air-conditioning units. He introduced Douglas Alspach from GSA and Martin Shore from the architectural firm of Swanke Hayden Connell, and he asked Mr. Shore to make the presentation.

Mr. Shore noted that the IRS Building was part of the prestigious Federal Triangle group; he said it was built in two sections between 1928 and 1936. He observed that the building had been built over Tiber Creek, and consequently, the basement floor had started sinking. For structural considerations it had been decided to replace the floor, and at the same time repoint and clean the face of the building. However, in looking at the exterior, Mr. Shore said it became evident that other work—repairing the spalling stone, the windows, metal work, etc.—needed to be done. He said his firm had argued that this work should be done at the same time since the scaffolding would be up for the repointing and the contractors would be there, and they had been successful to some extent—GSA had added repair of the metal windows to the scope of the project.

Mr. Shore then discussed three possible methods for cleaning the exterior, all subject to testing before being considered: misting with plain water; a traditional chemical wash with some sort of acidic content to get the soot off; or a mildly abrasive system employing micro-particles, like the one used recently at the Louvre and for the Philadelphia City Hall. Mr. Shore said that at this point they were favoring the latter method. He added that they were also investigating different types of mortar, as there were four different kinds of materials in the building—granite, limestone, marble, and brick.

Turning to the windows, Mr. Shore said this part of the contract included applying a shatter-resistant film to the glass. He said there was already such a film on the glass, and he was not particularly happy with its reflective properties and its coloration. However, it was generally satisfactory, and it was reversible. The old film would be removed, the windows would be refurbished, and new film applied using a method that he thought would lessen some of the undesirable qualities of the old application. The Vice-Chairman asked about the material of the window frames and was told it was steel. He also asked if there were such things as railings for handicapped entrances that needed to be considered. Mr. Shore said in the future there would be, but they were not part of this contract. The Vice-Chairman said he had been taking notes on possible alternates to the contract, and he thought the Commission might suggest in its letter that they be included at this time. He asked if there were any questions from the members, and hearing none, a motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to approve the project. Exhibit C

2. CFA 18/JAN/01-4, Department of Education Building, 400 block of Maryland Avenue, S.W. Safety railings for vehicular ramps. Designs. Mr. Lindstrom said the ramps in question occurred on the south side of the building (C Street) at the east and west corners and the proposal was to install additional railings for pedestrian safety. He introduced Gary Porter from GSA to explain the project.

Mr. Porter said the substantial yew hedge on the building side of the ramps had originally functioned as a kind of railing, but when removal of some precast panels had opened the area up to more pedestrian use, the hedges no longer provided adequate protection. The railings to be installed would duplicate the design of the existing railings. Mr. Porter also said GSA was planning to remove the yew

hedge and replace it with the same kind of plants already placed around the other sides of the building—inkberry, nandina, and liriope—which he characterized as more sustainable and less maintenance-intensive. There was general concern about this because the yew hedge had a linear, architectural quality and a solidity that matched the architecture, which the other plants did not have. Mr. Porter said another reason for getting rid of the hedge was that it made a perfect nesting-place for rodents, but the members discounted that, saying there were other ways to control rodents than to rip out the hedge. There was a discussion of where to attach the new railing, and whether a kind of chain-link fence could be placed within the yew hedge to solve the safety problem but not be visible. In the end, Mr. Porter was asked to keep the yew hedge, set the new railing into the granite curbing in the same way the existing railing was set, and to rethink the recent plantings on the other sides of the building. Exhibit D

D. Federal Reserve System

1. Eccles Building, Constitution Avenue at 20th Street, N.W. New ADA compliant visitor security entrance to the East Courtyard. Mr. Lindstrom introduced Charles House, the project manager for the Federal Reserve, to make the presentation. Mr. House said the major entrance into the building was on the C Street side, but as it would take a major overhaul to make it ADA compliant, they were proposing to place a new accessible entrance on 20th Street, through the courtyard. He asked architect Jerry Briggs from URS Corporation to discuss it in detail.

Mr. Briggs said a new sidewalk would connect the existing one on 20th Street, and would enter the courtyard through a new opening in an existing wall. Technically, it would not be a ramp because of its gentle slope and so would not require any railings. An opening would be cut in the existing marble wall and the stone used as a facing material for the new sidewalk project so that it would look as though it had always been there. Paving for the surface of the sidewalk would be granite.

Once through the doorway, the visitor with proper credentials would proceed through a gate with a card reader and an intercom system, and a guard would allow entry to a secure passageway enclosed by metal fencing, similar in design to the existing courtyard vehicular gate, which would lead to the building entrance. There would also be a secure gate into the courtyard area; the existing vehicular gate would be closed to pedestrians. Mr. Briggs noted that the passageway would have a standing-seam metal roof which would not be visible from the street.

Mrs. Brody commented on the grass shown around the guard booth and thought the architects might take another look at it; she thought it would quickly become trampled, and it might be better to put something else there, perhaps another kind of plant material or just some type of hardscape. Ms. Malino said she had some concern about the metal fence enclosing the secure passageway because of its jail-like appearance. Mr. Briggs said that when the rendering was done, they had the pickets spaced four inches apart, but they were now six inches apart and so it would appear considerably more open. There were no more comments or questions, and the design of the new security entrance was unanimously approved. Exhibit E

2. CFA 18/JAN/01-6, Martin Building, north garage, Virginia Avenue between 20th and 21st streets, N.W. Underground emergency power generators and three surface air vents. This submission was postponed until a later date.

E. District of Columbia Public Schools/U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

CFA/JAN/01-07, Randle Highlands Elementary School, 1650 30th Street, S.E.

Phase 1: New school building and new gymnasium, Concept. Mr. Martínez described this school as consisting of the original 1911 building plus a 1969 addition. He said the proposal was to demolish the 1969 building, build a new classroom wing and a gymnasium/community center, and then renovate the 1911 building. The buildings would be connected with glazed corridors and would thus form a grouping around a courtyard with play areas for the children. He noted the presence of Antoine Plessy from the Corps of Engineers, Terry Hernson from D.C. Public Schools, and Edwin Schmidt of Sverdrup CRSS, architects and engineers. He asked Mr. Schmidt to make the presentation.

Mr. Schmidt said that, originally, the 1911 building was to be demolished and an entirely new school built. His firm looked at it and thought it was a very pleasing structure that should be saved and restored, with its unsympathetic additions and appendages removed. He thought it would make a good administrative, media, and library center. As the gymnasium and community spaces in the 1969 building at the rear were not of sufficient size, the building would be removed and a new separate gymnasium /community center structure would be built, as well as a new classroom wing adjacent to the 1911 building, facing 30th Street. He noted that the site had for many years been bifurcated by a hill which separated the front, or play area, from the rear, and he said they would attempt to use the topography to create plazas and terraces to unify the site and provide secure places for the children to play; the existing tennis courts and ball fields would be kept. The entrance on 31st Street would be developed for teacher parking.

Mr. Schmidt said they were in the process of doing research on the 1911 building and would bring plans for that, as well as elevations for the new buildings, to the Commission as soon as they were ready. The new structures would be designed to complement the 1911 building in scale and character. As the school had frontage on Pennsylvania Avenue, he said they hoped to have something special at the 30th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue corner. At this point they were looking to the Commission for feedback on the development concept and the massing and relationship of the three buildings. He said they would like to have some kind of preliminary concept approval so they could get started.

Mrs. Brody thought the project was moving in exactly the right direction. She liked the courtyard concept and the interplay of the elements. One thing she cautioned against was making the new construction look too much like the 1911 building; she noted some distinctly modern elements in the massing models and thought they should head in that direction. Ms. Malino agreed, adding that the three buildings should be different, one from the other, reflecting what their function was. She noted also the chain-link fence surrounding the property and hoped that something more friendly to the community could replace it. Mrs. Rafshoon was concerned about the appearance of fencing at the Pennsylvania Avenue and 30th Street corner. Mr. Schmidt agreed with the comments made, and in answer to the fence question, he thought that spaces would be created within the complex that would offer a very controlled environment and they would not have to fence in the entire property; he said the fields would be left as they were.

The Vice-Chairman thought this project proved that a District of Columbia school did not have to be a building of one character, and that there was a role for a central open space that created an educational community. At present, he said, the site was no more than a hole on Pennsylvania Avenue,

with the school sitting back up on the hill and trash and overgrown plant material covering the ground. He suggested cleaning out the woods and cutting some of them back to discourage unwanted activity. Mr. Schmidt was then encouraged to continue in the direction he was going and return with further development of the concept. Exhibit F

F. District of Columbia Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs

1. Old Georgetown Act

Appendix I. The appendix was approved without objection.

2. Shipstead-Luce Act.

Appendix II. The Appendix was approved without objection.

III. Inspection

Freer Gallery of Art. Object proposed for acquisition. Because of the pre-inaugural concert at the Lincoln Memorial and the daunting traffic situation, the Freer Gallery sent a photograph and information on the one object, a piece of sculpture, proposed for acquisition. On this basis the sculpture was approved, with the promise that the members could see it on their next visit. Exhibit G

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:26 p.m.

Signed,



Charles H. Atherton
Secretary

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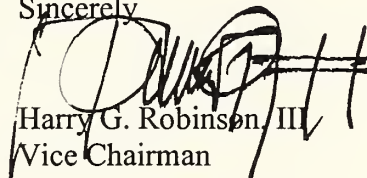
Dear Mr. Drabkin:

During its meeting of 18 January 2001, the Commission reviewed and approved the final design submission for the replacement Pentagon Metro Entrance Facility. The members were pleased with the attention given to the design of the canopies for the platforms and walkways, as these are the most visually prominent items of the project. Though not shown during the presentation, the details of how the newspaper vending boxes and information kiosks were to be incorporated into the base of the canopy's back wall greatly interested the members as a model for potential use elsewhere in the Metro system. We would appreciate having the plans submitted for the record.

The one area that may need additional consideration, is the central landscape feature. It is proposed as a rolling plain, planted with an as yet undetermined groundcover, accented by lines of internally illuminated sculpture. The precision of the sculpture and rolling terrain requires that it look manicured. Therefore, the groundcover must be chosen for its ease of maintenance. Otherwise, the balance of the landscape design was thought to be creative and an appropriate complement to the station and the Pentagon.

The members commend the work of the design team for transforming a difficult project into one that not only meets DOD's security demands and the Metro system's accessibility requirements, but turns it into a substantial amenity that will enhance and perhaps even enliven the daily commute of thousands of Washington area workers. We look forward to its completion.

Sincerely



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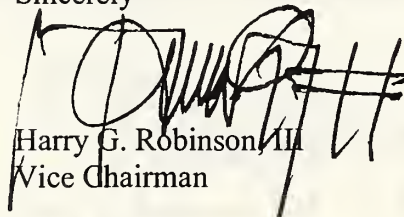
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Dear Mr. Ball:

The Commission was pleased to see you for the presentation of the *Union Station Access and Circulation Study* at its 18 January 2001 meeting. The members unanimously endorsed "Concept B" with the understanding that, as an early preliminary study, more development work is to be accomplished before final concept approval is granted. In particular, ideas for the landscape plan, lighting scheme and sign system should be submitted for consideration as soon as they are available.

The members commend the efforts to improve the public's access to the Station and to your team's sensitivity to the historic features of Columbia Plaza. We look forward to seeing you again soon. As always, the staff is available for assistance should you have any questions.

Sincerely

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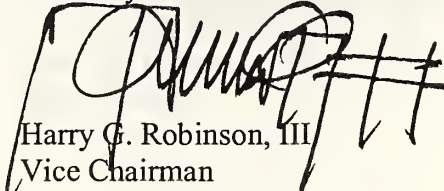
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Dear Mr. Finberg:

During its meeting 18 January 2001, the Commission reviewed and approved the proposed modernization of the Internal Revenue Service Headquarters building located at 1111 Constitution Avenue. The approval extends to the cleaning and re-pointing of the building exterior and the refurbishing of the steel windows, including the application of anti-shatter protective film to the glass.

Alternate options discussed at the meeting included work that needs to be done but was not made part of the submission. We strongly urge you to include these options at this time. The scaffolding installed to clean and repoint the exterior could be used to repair the masonry, particularly the failed limestone at the courtyard balconies. The metal elements could be addressed at the same time. The removal of the unsightly air conditioning window units is also an improvement that should not be delayed. In the long run, it will make economic sense to complete the entire exterior renovation as a single project.

Sincerely



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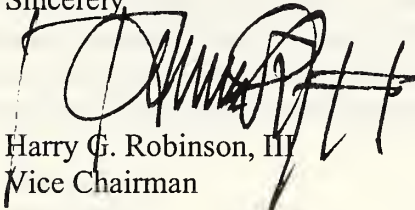
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Dear Mr. Finberg:

During its meeting of 18 January 2001, the Commission reviewed the submission for the Parking Ramp Safety Railing Installation for the Department of Education Building and disapproved the project in its current configuration. The members unanimously agreed that the existing hedges lining the top of the ramps' inner walls should be preserved, as they fittingly complement the architecture of the building. They also agreed that new handrails should be set into the granite curbing as are the original outer wall handrails. The proposed planting scheme of alternating low shrubs and Liriope does not address the scale or design of the building and will not resolve the current rodent problem.

We look forward to reviewing a revised design when ready. As always, the staff is available for assistance should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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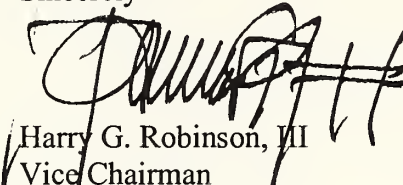
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Dear Mr. Frazier:

The Commission reviewed and approved the designs for the Eccles Building Accessible Entrance at its meeting 18 January 2001. The members were pleased that the project will correct several problems at this entrance and improve security and pedestrian safety, despite our regret that the times necessitate the need for the "captured walkway" and security gates inside the courtyard. Your design team is commended for providing a sympathetic design that captures the motifs of the existing driveway gates and the building's detailing.

The second submission by the Federal Reserve Board for the installation of standby electrical power generators in the underground parking garage for the Martin Building was postponed by request of the National Park Service, pending their notification and consideration. It is our understanding that according to a long-standing agreement between the Board and the Department of the Interior, the National Park Service administers the surface park on the site and that any aboveground changes or modifications will require the Park Service's consent. When all parties are ready, please resubmit. Should you have questions or should a problem arise, please feel free to contact the staff for assistance.

Sincerely



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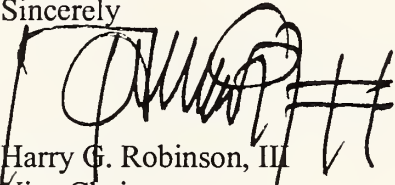
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Dear Mr. Block:

During its meeting 18 January 2001 the Commission reviewed and approved the concept design for the proposed additions to and modernization of the Randle Highlands Elementary School located at 1650 30th Street, SE. The members were delighted to see the attention given to this very important site along Pennsylvania Avenue. Together with the future renovation of the original 1911 school building, the Commission appreciates the sensitivity given to the design approach to the classroom and gymnasium additions which will form the new courtyard. Rather than replicating details from the historic building, the new structures should reflect a more contemporary design approach.

We look forward to the review of the concept design as it develops.

Sincerely



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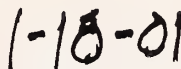
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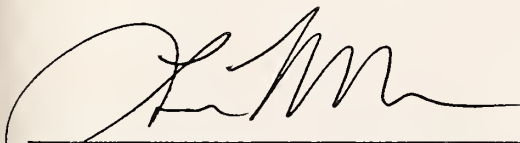
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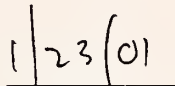
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